WEAKENING OUR DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

A Threat to California's Landmark Election Reform

★ **IMPORTANT VOTER INFORMATION** ★

"California has become a national model for independent redistricting. Let's protect the integrity of our democratic process and reject the dangerous idea of mid-cycle redistricting."

– Gloria Chun Hoo, President

League of Women Voters of California

(Source: Sacramento Bee, 7/30/25)

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THE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

California's Most Important Election Reform in the Past 50 Years

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For decades, Sacramento politicians drew their own district boundaries behind closed doors with no public oversight — guaranteeing their reelection, denying voters a real choice, and shutting out many women and people of color from elected office.

In 2010, California voters overwhelmingly approved the Voters FIRST Act for Congress — entrusting the independent, 14-member Citizens Redistricting Commission to draw California's Congressional districts.

Created constitutional safeguards that require district boundaries to keep cities, counties, and local communities together.

Strengthened voter protections that ban maps designed to favor incumbents or political parties.

Expanded a transparent and public process for redistricting that requires all meetings are open to the public, maps are published in draft form for feedback, and commissioners must respond to public input.

Enforced strict conflict-of-interest rules that bar redistricting commissioners for 10 years from running for office in districts that they have drawn.

Now Politicians Want to Destroy Our Election Reforms

A SPECIAL ELECTION TO TURN BACK THE CLOCK ON FAIR ELECTIONS

Politicians in Sacramento are rushing to abolish the Citizens Redistricting Commission's authority over congressional districts — with plans for a statewide special election in just a few months that will cost $200 million.

Their plan to strip away California's constitutional voter protections would:

✗ **End Independent Maps**
Gives politicians the power to draw districts that protect themselves — not voters.

✗ **Silence Voter Voices**
Eliminates public input and transparency from the redistricting process.

✗ **Open the Door to Gerrymandering**
Allows politicians to manipulate maps to serve their interests — not our communities.

✗ **Set a Dangerous Precedent**
Weakens constitutional protections and opens the door to future abuses.

We Cannot Save Democracy by Burning it Down in California

Vote NO on Partisan Gerrymandering and Join the Coalition to Protect the Voters FIRST Act Today!

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Let's Protect California's Independent Redistricting Process

"Trying to save democracy by **DESTROYING DEMOCRACY IS DANGEROUS** and foolish. By legitimizing the race to the bottom of gerrymandering, Democrats will ultimately lose."

- Alex Lee, Democrat Assemblymember & Chair, Legislative Progressive Caucus (Source: Politico, 7/16/25)

"Point blank, this is a dangerous move. We know independent redistricting works because California has been the national leader for years. We **CAN'T AFFORD TO PUT OUR STATE'S DEMOCRACY ON THE LINE** during a time of national instability."

- Darius Kemp, Executive Director, California Common Cause (Source: California Common Cause Press Release, 7/21/25)

"Redistricting promotes a partisan agenda, suppresses minority thought, and **RACIALLY DISCRIMINATES** against Black, brown, and other politically underrepresented neighborhoods. Regardless of where you are in this country, **GERRYMANDERING TEARS AWAY THE POWER OF CHOICE** bestowed to voters across America."

- LeBron Hill, Opinion Contributor, The Sacramento Bee (Source: The Sacramento Bee, 8/7/25)

"Californians — Democrats, Republicans, and independents — should all **STAND AGAINST ANY ATTEMPT TO POLITICIZE OUR REDISTRICTING PROCESS."**

- Jeanne Raya, former Chair, California Citizens Redistricting Commission (Source: Public Statement, 8/4/25)

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